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RESENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE  
COMMUNICATION MAILED MAY 20, 2004

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Status & Request for an Extension of Time**

This Resent Preliminary Amendment In Response To The Office Communication Mailed May 20, 2004 is being submitted in response to the Office Communication mailed May 20, 2004 which was given a one-month period of reply. It is believed that this Preliminary Amendment is now in compliance with the 37 CFR 1.121(c). It is further believed that a one-month extension of time is needed to extend the period of reply to July 20, 2004. A completed Fee Transmittal form along with a credit card payment form is submitted herewith for the extension fee. Authorization to charge any appropriate fee, or to credit any overpayment, to the credit card identified in the credit card payment form, is hereby given.

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